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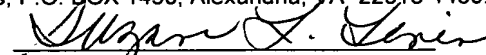
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to payment of the filing fees.

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

1. (ORIGINAL) A method of providing a jackpot in a gaming machine, said machine having multiple simulated reels, and at least one pay line, including at least the steps of:

- (a) determining a player's wager;
- (b) playing the game, so that the simulated reels assume a specific configuration showing symbols across said reels, wherein one or more of said symbols can be a scatter symbol, wherein one or more of said scatter symbols can be a variable state scatter symbol, said variable state being either an active state, whereby said